

CM We claim:

- 1 1. A flexible, reclosable package comprising:
- 2 (a) first and second panel sections defining an interior;
- 3 (b) a zipper closure sealed to each of first and second panel sections along a
- 4 top edge, the zipper closure extending from a first side edge to a second
- 5 side edge and comprising first and second mating profiles;
- 6 (c) a slider device constructed and arranged for mounting on the zipper
- 7 closure and for interlocking the first mating profile with the second
- 8 mating profile when the slider device is moved in a first direction and
- 9 disengaging the first mating profile from the second mating profile when
- 10 the slider device is moved in a second opposite direction; the slider
- 11 device being operably mounted on the zipper closure; and
- 12 (d) a first tamper-evident structure disposed at the top edge and encasing a
- 13 first portion of the zipper closure, the tamper-evident structure having an
- 14 opening exposing the slider device, the opening defined by the tamper-
- 15 evident structure.
- 1 2. The package according to claim 1, wherein:
- 2 (a) the opening in the first tamper evident-structure is a circle.
- 1 3. The package according to claim 1, further comprising:
- 2 (a) a second tamper evident-structure positioned between the zipper closure
- 3 and the interior, the second tamper evident-structure extending from the
- 4 first panel section to the second panel section.
- 1 4. The package according to claim 3, wherein:
- 2 (a) the second tamper evident-structure is an extension of web material
- 3 between the first and second mating profiles.

1 5. The package according to claim 1, wherein:
2 (a) the first portion of the zipper closure comprises at least 80% of the zipper
3 closure between the first side edge and the second side edge.

1 6. The package according to claim 5, wherein:
2 (a) the first portion of the zipper closure comprises at least 90% of the zipper
3 closure between the first side edge and the second side edge.

1 7. The package according to claim 1, wherein:

2 (a) the slider device is positioned within the opening of the first tamper

3 evident-structure.

1 8. The package according to claim 1, further comprising:
2 (a) an area of weakness.

1 9. The package according to claim 8, wherein:
2 (a) the area of weakness is a perforation line.

1 10. The package according to claim 8, wherein:
2 (a) the area of weakness extends along the first tamper evident-structure
3 below the zipper closure.

1 11. The package according to claim 1, wherein:
2 (a) positioned at the first side edge is a first slider stop area and at the second
3 side edge is a second slider stop area.

1 12. The package according to claim 11, wherein:
2 (a) the first slider stop area is a first crush area and the second slider stop
3 area is a second crush area.

